One Last Bit of Bliss

Akatoki no Yami

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Third Night

IT'S NOT AS IF YOU WERE INTENDING TO HARM MIYA-SAMA BY DOING THAT
BESIDES, I'M SURE MIYA-SAMA UNDER-STANDS YOUR TRUE INTENTION
THERE'S NO POINT BEING DEPRESSED, RIGHT?

I've trampled on what that person values as most important
How can I still have the nerve to stay here?
THERE'S NO POINT IN STAYING HERE ANYMORE.
LET'S GO BACK
HEY, KAMO
SANMI NO CHUUJYOU-SAMA...
YOU'RE CALLED YORIMICHI, RIGHT?
ARE YOU DONE CONVERSING WITH MIYA-SAMA?
Y-YES
I SEE.

I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU ON THE WAY
WHY THE SUDDEN TURNAROUND?
HE WAS SO INTENT ON CHASING US AWAY BEFORE...
SAY... YOU SAID YOU SAW A WHITE ENTITY?
YOU KNOW THE REAL IDENTITY OF IT FROM MIYA-SAMA, THEN?

IT'S RARE FOR A PRINCE TO CHERISH AND MARRY BUT ONE WIFE
IN THE EYES OF THEIR RELATIVES, REALIZING THE BOND THOSE TWO SHARED CAUSED MANY TO BRIM WITH ENVY
That... was my sister.
WHILE IN EXILE, MIYA-SAMA, WHO GOT THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF MY SISTER, WAS IN DEEP REMORSE AND SORROW...
THAT'S JUST A FARCE OF CRUELTY
BECAUSE HE LOVED HER SO MUCH, HE USED SOME DUBIOUS SPELL TO REVIVE HER, BUT DUE TO HIS POWERS LACKING MATURITY
MY SISTER BECAME AN OBSCURED ENTITY DRIFTING AIMLESSLY ON THIS PLANE...
REGARDLESS OF HOW MUCH I WISH I COULD RELIEVE MIYA-SAMA OF HIS SORROW AND GRIEF, I STILL CAN'T CLAIM I CAN SEE HER
HENCE I COULD ONLY TRY MY BEST TO CONSOLE HIM

I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE REALLY EXISTS...
JUST AS MYA-SAMA HAS STATED, HER APPEARANCE IS VAGUE,
NOT AT A DEGREE TO FORM HER OWN WILL
...I SEE.
IS THERE ANYTHING MY SISTER WANTS TO PASS ON?
ABOUT THAT...
EXCUSE ME,
BUT WHY ARE YOU TELLING SOMEONE LIKE ME ABOUT THIS...?
...MY SISTER'S CAUSE OF DEATH MIGHT BE ARSON

THAT INCIDENT WITH MIYA-SAMA. I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT EVEN NOW.
BUT THERE'S ONE EVEN MORE BAFFLING MATTER.
THAT'S JUST A RUMOR. SUCH AN INCOMPREHENSIBLE STORY EVEN I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT AT FIRST
WHY...
That's right
THOSE WHO WERE THERE AT THE SCENE HAD ALL PASSED AWAY
This person has always doubted Miya-sama's alleged acts of atrocities right from the start
THOSE WHO KNEW THE TRUTH WOULDN'T SAY A WORD ABOUT IT...
NOW WHILE MIYA-SAMA IS BEING EXILED TO A FAR OFF LAND THE TRUTH IS STILL BEING BURIED IN THE DARK
...I HEARD YOU SAW A DRAGON

I don't believe that
he is a figure who will spend his days being buried in this bleak and desolate plain.
MIYA-SAMA TOLD ME THAT WAS HIS SECOND TIME BEING REFERRED TO AS A DRAGON.
SOMETHING LIKE THAT... THERE'S NO WAY TO DESCRIBE IT PROPERLY.
BUT I REALLY SAW A DRAGON BATHED IN GOLDEN RAYS...
THE FIRST DAY I MET MIYA-SAMA,
BEFORE I EVEN KNEW HE WAS MIYA-SAMA I SAW AN IMAGE OF A LONG DRAGON LYING THERE WITH ITS BODY SHINING WITH RAYS OF LIGHT OVERLAPPING WITH MIYA-SAMA
EVEN THOUGH MY TRAINING IS STILL AT ITS BEGINNING STAGES,
IF SOMEONE LIKE ME IS ABLE TO SEE HIS ASPIRATION IN THE FORM OF A DRAGON,

Neigh
Yank
I'VE ONCE CONSIDERED THAT TOO
BEFORE MY COMING OF AGE CEREMONY, WHEN I WAS YOUNGER THAN I AM NOW
DUE TO THE FACT THAT MY FATHER AND MIYA-SAMA'S QUEEN MOTHER WERE SIBLINGS WITH DIFFERENT MOTHERS, AND OUR AGES WERE QUITE CLOSE
I ALWAYS PLAYED WITH MIYA-SAMA.
ONCE OUR NURSE BROUGHT US TO SHIJYOU'S NEIGHBORHOOD THERE, WE MET A MONK FROM KOURA!
Gasp!

Clatter clatter
Clatter clatter
Clatter clatter
Rattle
YUKINORI, LOOK AT THAT
THE CAPITAL'S MAIN STREETS ARE LIKE THIS, BUSTLING WITH SO MANY PEOPLE.
I was pulled into Sanmi no Chuujyou-sama's memory?
IT HAPPENED WHEN OUR NURSES WERE BUSY CHATTING.
...This is...
an image from the past...?
Sanmi no Chuujyou-sama's voice...
is so far away...

WE WERE PLAYING BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AMONGST KIDS FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.
BUT THAT MONK WAS ABLE TO FIND MIYA-SAMA WITHOUT ANY HESITATION AND HELD HIS HAND.
HE THEN SAID...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'VE FOUND A SLEEPING DRAGON AT A PLACE LIKE THIS.
YOU ARE ONE WHO WILL RULE THE WORLD.
ONE DAY YOU'LL ATTAIN A STATUS RIGHTLY FIT FOR YOU.

THE MOMENT I HEARD THOSE WORDS, EVEN MY CHILDISH HEART WAS FILLED WITH PRIDE
SINCE THEN,
I'VE ALWAYS STOOD BY AND SUPPORTED HIM, BELIEVING THAT HE WILL ONE DAY ASCEND THE IMPERIAL THRONE
...BUT DUE TO THAT UNFATHOMABLE INCIDENT,
I LOST TWO OF THE PEOPLE DEAREST TO ME...
I CANNOT POSSIBLY BELIEVE IT...!!
...AH!
TWIST
Wooshi
YORIMICHI?
I'm back!!

THEN YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE HIDDEN TRUTHS TO THE MATTER,
WHICH YOU ARE PLANNING TO LOOK FOR RIGHT...?
.....
WHAT HAP-PENED?
THAT'S RIGHT.
THIS IS ALSO RELATED TO MIYA-SAMA'S COURSE OF ACTION
YOU ABSOLUTELY CANNOT
GET CLOSE TO HIM WITH A LIGHT HEART

I UNDERSTAND... YOUR FEELINGS VERY WELL, SANMI NO CHUUJYOU-SAMA.
I FEEL SO ASHAMED OF MYSELF,
I DON'T THINK IT IS POSSIBLE FOR ME TO FACE MIYA-SAMA ANYMORE...
SOMEONE LIKE ME...
IS ONLY APPROPRIATE TO BE AN ERRAND BOY TO THAT SLY OLD FOX... YAMATO NO KAMI
Yank!
Come again next time.
I'M QUITE CERTAIN MIYA-SAMA DOES NOT HATE YOU

SAME GOES FOR ME
YOU'RE THE SAME AS MIYA-SAMA, BEING ABLE TO SEE MY SISTER'S PRESENCE THE WORDS YOU SAID,
I WANT TO TRY TO BELIEVE IN THEM

That fox and Muhaku too,
their respect for Miya-sama is not a bluff
But
Thud
I...
Sanmi no Chuujyou-sama's feelings for Miya-sama...
haven't changed from the past I saw... they're real.
Thud
Thud
Thud

I was only searching for books in the archive
Did I really want to help Miya-sama from the bottom of my heart?
With this I'll be abl_ to determine the identity of that white entity.
I'll definitely be able to help Miya-sama !!
Found it!
I've found it_!

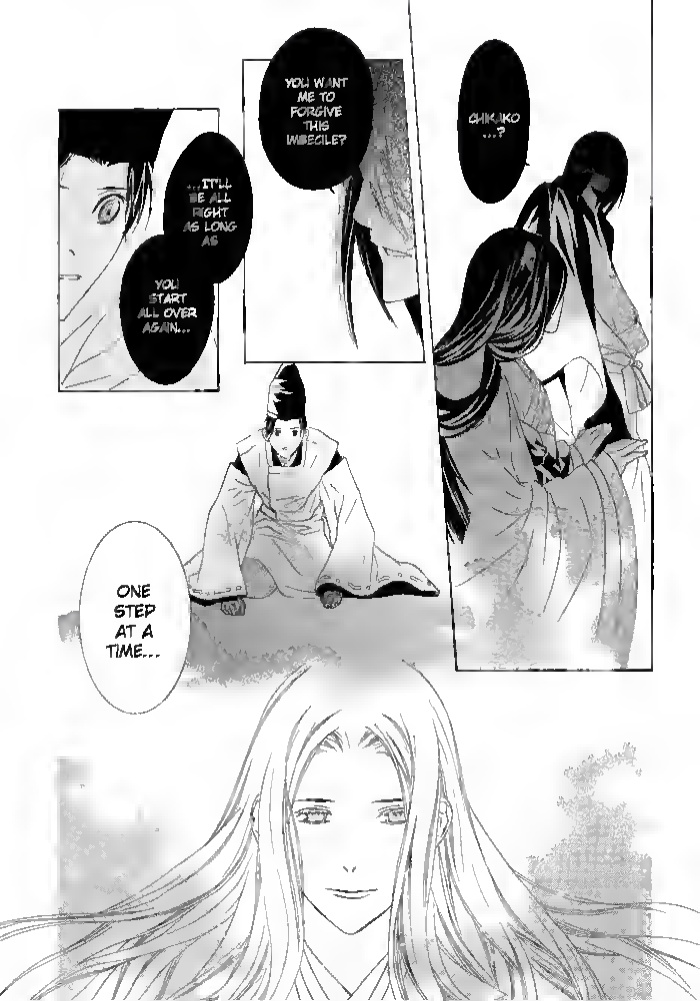
The truth is, I only wanted to be of service,
to be able to recover my past self...
wanted someone to acknowledge my excellence.
Chiaki-i

Miya-sama's man-sion...?
This is...
Chirrrp!
...That's...
sizzle...

AH!
EH...?
Stagger!
Fall!
...!!
Why...
What's this?
CLANG!

...WHY...
DID YOU DO SUCH A THING?
...WHY, WHY DID YOU HURT MY WIFE...
...AH.

NO...!!
I NEVER INTENDED TO HURT YOUR BELOVED!
I ONLY WANTED TO HELP YOU, MIYA-SAMA...!
...I...
ONLY...
...IT'S...
FINE...


CHIKAKO ...?
YOU WANT ME TO FORGIVE THIS IMBECILE?
...IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT AS LONG AS YOU START ALL OVER AGAIN...
ONE STEP AT A TIME...

...LEAVE!
I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO THE LIKES OF YOU...
...MIYA-SAMA,
PLEASE WAIT, MIYA-SAMA!

SHOCKED
Carry
Carry Carry

...A dream..?